

Thomas Law House
1252 6th St., S. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Addendum to
Thomas Law House (Honeymoon House; Tiber
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Thomas Law House		HABS NO. DC-20
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Honeymoon House; Tiber Island Center for Cultural and Community Activities		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1252 6th Street, SW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1794-1796	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Attributed to William Levering, architect for the Greenleaf Syndicate	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Leased in 1796 by Thomas Law, who lost a fortune made in India speculating on Washington real estate, and his bride Eliza Parke Custis Law, granddaughter of Martha Washington. Served as a hotel in the 1860's. Used as a clinic after 1929.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Federal		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 40' (5-bay front) by 31'-10"; three stories on raised basement		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Modified hipped roof; first floor windows are round-headed and set in recessed arches; belt courses; splayed lintels with keystones; entrance has elliptical fanlight; cast-iron entrance porch and stairs of mid 19th century date.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Central hall plan; interior largely altered.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Rehabilitated as part of the Tiber Island Urban Renewal Development, 1965.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1974 appeared good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u> Listed on National Register of Historic Places. Category II District of Columbia City Landmark		
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